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**INFORMATION
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STATEMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted under 37 CFR 1.97-1.98, within the time period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(c).

A Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references listed therein are attached. Since the references are written in the Japanese language, all but one of them are accompanied by a Patent Abstracts of Japan summary and/or a machine-generated translation to provide English-language information about the relevance of the references. The remaining reference (Japanese Unexamined patent publication number 2002-201335) is accompanied by a published U.S. application (publication number 2002/0123557) to provide English-language information about its relevance.

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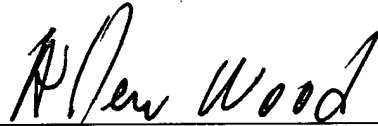
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is, the Japanese application whose benefit is claimed in the present U.S. application). A copy of the Notification of Reasons for Refusal is attached. Although it identifies two references in addition to the ones that are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, the two omitted references have already been made a matter of record in the present U.S. application.

As was noted above, the Japanese Notification of Reasons for Refusal was mailed by the Japanese Patent Office on August 2, 2005. Accordingly, it is hereby certified under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

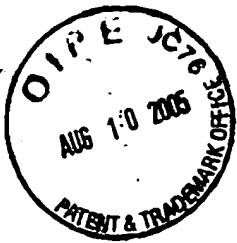
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Respectfully submitted,

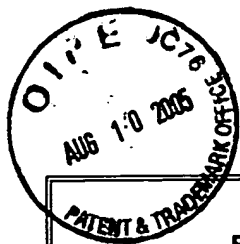
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